

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of:

LUBITZ, et al.

Application No.: 09/147,693

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Office Action: Sandals, W.

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For: NEW SYSTEMS FOR THE REGULATION OF GENE EXPRESSION

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

February 28, 2002

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2001, for three (3) months from November 28, 2001 to February 28, 2002.

Enclosed please find a check in the amount of Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$920.00) to cover the cost of the extension. In the event that any additional fees are required with respect to this paper, please charge Counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 100564-09005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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